

The Great Soul Boom

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for hearts of fire, for fiery zeal for that if we can do no more, we may end with God with burning thoughts, longings, burning desires, for glory in the salvation of souls. The campaign for the 20,000 souls is begun. May it be one great sweep to victory. What doth him? Nothing in God. His will is, beyond every, on our side for twenty times thousand souls. He is "not without any should be, but that At a comes to repentance." Twenty thousand is but a tiny fraction of that great "We have not only His permission, is imperative command coupled with our warning, our possible disobedience forth to the battle." Say unto them, saith the Lord, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that he turn from his way and live." Now,

listen to the alarm of warning. "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." There is no alternative: If we are not helping forward the Christ-cause on earth with every energy of our being, we are simply either hangers-on to the old chariot, if not actually obstacles across the path. It comes to much the same thing in the long run. A dose fellow testified on Christmas morning at our "Three Hours at the Cross"—"I'm glad I'm one out of the way of the 20,000 souls." Let us see to it that we are at least "out of the way."

We have settled it, then, that the Lord is beyond a doubt, the devil has the whole force of his will directed against it.

Let us sub-ourselves some very practical questions before going a step further, never resting until conscience is able to thunder out an "unrelaxing war" in response.

1st. Am I a reliable soldier? Can the great Captain of the Campaign depend

upon me—feel that obedient action will leap forth at each whisper of His will?

2nd. Am I in the spot where I can do the most towards capturing my share of the 20,000, i.e., just where He would have me be, in my appointed place in the ranks?

3rd. Am I ready to march, halt, fight desperately, reconnoitre at a look, at a wave of my Leader's hand? Do I know how to fight according to His will?

4th. Do I realize finally that the battle is the Lord's, that my share in it is simply to place myself absolutely and wholly at His disposal, trusting Him for all the fight, all the wisdom, all the tact, all the strength I need?

Our share in the exploit at the end of the campaign will greatly depend upon the quality of our affirmative now.

In earthly warfare, what an inspiring thought it is to each individual soldier to know that a master-mind is planning and directing every movement of the whole army. Confidence in the general makes every man march forward with a firm step of assurance. Each feels sure that no pos-

sible emergency has been left without an adequate provision; that every movement has been ordered deliberately, that there is nothing uncalculated or haphazard in the conduct of the approaching conflict.

In our spiritual warfare we have an unfeeling source of encouragement in the realization that the same Mind which created the universe directs our movements—a glowing confidence that we are led on by the Lord of Hosts Himself.

The best soldier is the one who feels the most personal interest in the cause, and his weight of responsibility in every detail of his own service. He is as keenly desirous of victory as the General whose orders he obeys.

Let us resolve here and now individually in God's presence that we will spare no pains, ourselves last of all, to make this "son-boom" in Canada a mighty success. Let it be no feeble, flimsy effort for a week or two, or even for the six months, but the

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